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SUBJECT: EVENING PRESS SUMMARY, THURSDAY 4/13/78

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AP -- SCHWEID FROM KHARTOUM

LEAD: SECSTATE VANCE EXPECTS TO NAIL DOWN THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT'S ACCEPTANCE OF KEY ELEMENTS OF AN ANGLO-AMERICAN
PLAN FOR BLACK RULE IN RHODESIA WHEN HE MEETS WITH LEADERS
OF THE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION FRIDAY.

OTHER POINTS:

-- US OFFICIALS SAID THE ODDS AGAINST AN ALL-PARTIES CON-
FERENCE; IAN SMITH IS THE PRINCIPLE OBSTACLE.
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-- IN DAR VANCE WILL MEET WITH DAVID OWEN AND THE LEADERS
OF THE FRONT LINE STATES AS WELL AS NKOMO AND MUGABE. US
OFFICIALS SAID THE TWO ARE NOW AGREEABLE TO A BRITISH
RESIDENT COMMISSIONER AND UN SECURITY FORCE DURING A
TRANSITION PERIOD.

-- VANCE HOPES THE CONFERENCE CAN BE HELD IN MALTA OR GENEVA AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

-- VANCE HELD BRIEF TALKS WITH SUDANESE FONMIN RASHID AL TASHIR WHILE IN KHARTOUM.

UPI -- ANDERSON FROM DAR ES SALAAM

LEAD: SECSTATE VANCE ARRIVED THURSDAY TO TRY TO AVERT FULL CIVIL WAR IN RHODESIA. HIS MISSION WAS BUOYED BY A POSSIBLE MAJOR BREAK IN THE STANCE OF THE GUERRILLA LEADERS FIGHTING THE FORMER COLONY.

OTHER POINTS:

-- AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID THEY BELIEVE THAT THE LEADERS OF THE GUERRILLA WAR HAD AGREED TO ADOPT ALL ELEMENTS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN INCLUDING FREE ELECTIONS. THIS WOULD BE A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH, BUT IT WOULD NOT ASSURE SUCCESS.

-- ALTHOUGH SOME DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT, AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD AGREED TO ALL THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS.

-- OFFICIALS CONCEDED THAT THAT THE ALL-PARTIES MEETING WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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A LONG SHOT.

-- A SENIOR US OFFICIAL SAID THERE WAS NO CHANCE THAT THE PRESENT RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED OR THAT THE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS WOULD BE LIFTED.

REUTER -- GUTMAN FROM KHARTOUM

LEAD: SECSTATE VANCE HAS LITTLE EXPECTATION IN CONVENING AN ALL-PARTY RHODESIA CONFERENCE, A SENIOR OFFICIAL ABOARD HIS PLANE SAID TODAY.

-- THE OFFICIAL SAID THE ODDS ARE AGAINST SUCCESS, BUT SAID THE ALTERNATIVE IS CONTINUING CONFLICT.

-- NKOMO AND MUGABE APPEAR READY TO EMBRACE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN.

-- VANCE HOPES TO GAIN SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE.

-- ONE US OBJECTIVE FOR THE MOMENT MAY BE ACHIEVED -- TO

PREVENT HEAVY MILITARY INVOLVEMENT BY THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA IN THE RHODESIA CONFLICT. THE SENIOR US OFFICIAL SAID THAT WITH THE FRONT LINE STATES AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT SUPPORTING THE PLAN, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE SOVIET UNION TO OPPOSE IT.

-- AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID THE FOUR-MEMBER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN RHODESIA DID NOT SEEM TO BE FUNCTIONING AND SMITH WAS STILL ACTING AS PREMIER.

EVENING NEWS CASTS -- NO REPORTS FROM THE TRIP.

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